

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 1-8 and 10 to read as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus comprising:
a carriage provided reciprocally movably with recording means placed[[,]]

thereon;

a switchable cover member for covering an opening portion for taking ~~out~~ the recording means out from the apparatus at ~~the~~ a time ~~the~~ said carriage is stopped at a second stopping position different from a first stopping position provided ~~on~~ at one end of ~~the~~ a reciprocal movement range[[,]]; and

a lever member provided movably to a first position for fixing the recording means on the carriage or a second position for releasing the ~~same~~ recording means therefrom,

wherein at ~~the~~ said time the carriage is moved to the first stopping position, ~~the~~ said lever member is moved from a ~~the~~ second position for releasing the recording means from ~~the~~ said carriage to a ~~the~~ first position for ~~fixing~~ the recording means on ~~the~~ said carriage ~~at the predetermined position.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said lever member is moved by contacting ~~the~~ said lever member with a lever guide member provided at the opening portion.

3. (Currently Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 2, wherein ~~the~~ said lever guide member has an inclined side crossing with respect to ~~the~~ a rotation surface of ~~the~~ said lever member for rotating ~~the~~ said lever member to in a predetermined direction according to the movement of ~~the~~ said carriage.

4. (Currently Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the lever member movement is enabled also in a ~~sate~~ state with ~~the~~ said cover member closed.

5. (Currently Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 2, wherein ~~the~~ a position for starting ~~the~~ contact of ~~the~~ said lever guide member with ~~the~~ said lever member is provided between the first ~~carriage~~ stopping position and the second ~~carriage~~ stopping position.

6. (Currently Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 5, wherein a limiting member is provided in ~~the~~ said lever guide member at a position between the position for starting the contact of ~~the~~ said lever member with ~~the~~ said lever guide member and the first ~~carriage~~ stopping position for limiting the movement of ~~the~~ said lever member to the second position for releasing the recording means from ~~the~~ said carriage.

7. (Currently Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ a first carriage movement at the time ~~the~~ a power source of the apparatus is turned on is always in ~~the~~ a direction toward the ~~carriage~~ first stopping position.

8. (Currently Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a reading section having ~~the~~ reading means for reading ~~the~~ original information is disposed substantially above the recording means, and the reading section serves also as ~~the~~ said cover member.

9. (Original) The recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the recording means comprises a recording head for recording input image information by ejecting ink droplets onto a recording medium, and an ink cartridge for supplying the ink to the recording head.

10. (Currently Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 9 1, wherein the recording ~~head is~~ means comprises a recording head unit holding a plurality of recording heads corresponding to a plurality of colors for recording input image information by ejecting ink droplets onto a the recording medium, and ~~the~~ an ink cartridge is comprising a plurality of ink tanks for supplying ~~an~~ ink to each of the plurality of the recording heads.